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Dr. Phillip Swagel
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Dear Dr. Swagel:

Earlier this year, the House Budget Committee held a hearing examining the role of immigrants in the United States economy. People who immigrate to the United States participate in the U.S. economy and pay taxes on the wages they earn. During the hearing my colleagues and I had a robust discussion of their role in the economy and their interaction with the federal budget.

I believe that my colleagues in Congress would benefit from a brief document that would provide an overview of basic facts about the foreign-born population, their role in the economy, and the impact that they have on the federal budget. As such, I am requesting that the Congressional Budget Office prepare a very short issue brief that we can use as the basis for future deliberations.

Sincerely,



John A. Yarmuth
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